

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 3, insert the following as separate paragraphs:

--BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field--.

Page 1, before line 10, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--2. Description of Related Art--.

Page 8, before line 22, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF EXEMPLARY NON-LIMITING
EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 13, before line 24, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS--.

Page 15, before line 20, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY NON-LIMITING
EMBODIMENTS--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 35, line 1, as follows:

~~CLAIMS~~ What is claimed is: